

HAPPY ENDING: When two-year-old Paul Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harris, route 1, Covert, went on an extended walk Monday, he signaled the start of a search by state police troopers from the South Haven post and Van Buren county sheriff deputies. The youngster's mother called police after she missed her son at about 11:30 a.m. Police had requested a search dog from the Niles post and a helicopter was put on standby then the blond youngster and the three family dogs came

strolling down a country road, obviously not bothered by all the commotion generated by his excited parents and the search party. The youth had been gone about an hour and a half. Sgt. Glenn Foster, commander of state police post at South Haven, talks with strolling youngster. Searchers standing are (from left) Deputy Henry VanDyken, Sgt. Mel Osment, Paw Paw, and a neighbor. (Tom Renner photo)

Romney Cuts His Pay In War On Inflation

NEW YORK (AP) — Secretary of Housing and Urban Affairs George Romney announced Monday a self-imposed 25 per cent cut in his \$60,000 a year salary, "as my personal contribution to the battle against cost-push inflation."

"I urge you, your peers and your superiors to join me," the multimillionaire Cabinet member told the second annual collective bargaining forum, a gathering of leaders in the fields of labor, industry and education.

"Your example, your sacrifice," he added, "could have a tangible effect in slowing the wage-cost-price spiral..."

"Most of you are private leaders, not governmental leaders. In a free nation, private action can still be more effective than public action. For example, in the last few years, Ralph Nader, despite his mistakes, has done more for American con-

sument than anyone in official life—including Congress."

A former president of American Motors, Romney told a subsequent news conference that turning back to the government \$15,000 of his annual salary would "hurt."

But he went on: "As I found at American Motors, example has a tremendous effect on associates and employees. I don't think there is anything more effective than example."

In Washington, a treasury official said Romney can return part of his salary by simply making out a check for that amount to the government. The money returned would be tax deductible, the spokesman said.

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swer to the depression of the 1930s."

In his speech, Romney said the Nixon administration has taken essential first steps, fiscal and monetary, towards controlling inflation. But he continued: "Neither fiscal nor monetary controls deal directly with the management-labor-consumer relationship. In my opinion we must deal with that aspect for fighting inflation."

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trust policy," Romney declared.

He also cited price maintenance laws and government regulations of utilities, which he said "effectively prevent direct price competition on many fronts and help generate lethargic industries largely unresponsive to consumer interests."



WARREN E. BURGER
U.S. Chief Justice

Burger said the Supreme Court responded to disruptive trials with the unanimous decision March 31 upholding the power of judges to maintain order as a matter of self-preservation.

"But this is not our way of doing things short of a giant national emergency."

The chief justice told the assembled lawyers, judges and law professors that Americans have never been a tightly disciplined people and the nation's legal structure consequently has been more relaxed than in many other countries.

"If this has negative aspects," he said, "it also gives us a resiliency to tide us over and enable us to meet any crisis as it arises. We will respond slowly but that is the nature of a democratic society."

"In those few periods of our history when we suspended basic guarantees of the individual in times of great national emergency we often found, in retrospect, that we had overreacted."

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MSU GETS TOUGH ON PROTESTORS BY WORD, DEED

Police Grab 132 For Trespassing

Wharton Cites High Cost Of Demonstrations

EAST LANSING (AP) — Police report that 130 adults and two juveniles were arrested early today after demonstrators occupied the Union Building on the Michigan State University campus.

They were held on informal charges of loitering and trespassing according to officials, after being taken into custody quietly and without any reported violence.

MSU President Clifton Wharton charged that many of the demonstrators were not students, adding "It is an understatement to say that they have no legitimate cause which could in any way justify their actions."

\$60,000 COST

Wharton said that campus demonstrations since May 1 have cost "more than a dollar and a half per student," or about \$60,000.

"Every dollar so spent," Wharton said, "is a dollar that is not available for student aid or services ... It is the students who have had no part in these activities who in the long run will suffer the most."

Wharton said "the great majority" of students are trying to secure an education while "these irresponsible few take to the night to maraud."

Wharton Monday refused a demand by student group calling itself "Action Group Against Racism" that the university be closed today. Wharton called such a closure "tokenism" and said he has been working with black students and faculty on a "more permanent and constructive response to the needs of blacks on campus."

He said that the majority of black students had declined to join the radical group.

A meeting is scheduled today among black students and faculty members.

Wharton has proposed that the MSU community raise funds to construct an off-campus black cultural center.

University officials summoned East Lansing police about 1:30 a.m. today after demonstrators remained in the student union after its 11 p.m. closing time.

WINDOWS SMASHED

Windows in several campus buildings and the IBM Building nearby were reported smashed out.

Wharton said "The university community cannot tolerate such wanton violence."

"In the face of these repeated provocations, it had no choice but to act to protect the right of students and faculty to pursue their educational activities."

BY MISSIONARY UNIT

Dr. Wharton Cited In Human Relations

EAST LANSING (AP) — Dr. Clifton R. Wharton Jr., president of Michigan State University, is one of three persons honored this year for "outstanding contributions in the field of human relations" by the American Missionary Association, which represents many major religious denominations. Also receiving the group's Amistad Awards were Angie E. Brooks of Liberia, president of the United Nations General Assembly; and the Most Rev. Joseph Durick, bishop of the Diocese of Nashville. Previous award recipients include former President Lyndon B. Johnson and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.



SUPT. MARK E. LEWIS
Blames Black And White Racists

Democrat To Run For Legislature



Miss Peg Crishal's Bonnet In Ring

Miss Margaret (Peg) Crishal today made it official — she's a candidate for the Democratic nomination for state representative in the 4th district.

Miss Crishal said in March she was "seriously considering" seeking nomination. The post she seeks is currently held by Ray C. Mittan, Benton Harbor Republican, a certain candidate for re-election.

SEEKS REFORM

Miss Crishal believes it is time that women become more involved in politics. If elected, she would seek legislative reform in such areas as education, welfare, pollution and environmental control, human rights and problems relating to the cities.

For the past five years executive director of the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor YWCA, Miss Crishal, 38, formerly was assistant professor in health

and physical education at DePauw University, in Greencastle, Indiana. She lives on North Shore Drive in Benton Township.

She is graduate of Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio, received a master's degree from Kent State University, in Kent, Ohio, and has done additional graduate work at Indiana University, in Bloomington.

ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY

Locally she has served on the board of directors of the Tri-County Community Action program (Tri-CAP), Model Cities (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)

Young blacks who have racist attitudes are convinced that they have a right to dominate whites and they are willing to use force to do it. Whites who have racist attitudes are determined not to let blacks get the upper hand. In between these groups is the majority of students, white and black, who want an education and who are willing to live in harmony. Unfortunately some of these innocents get hurt because the racists, both Black and White, use the cowardly tactic of ganging up on a weak member of the opposite race.

Until the black and white people of this school district recognize that we have these racists in our midst — until we quit pointing the finger at the other fellow and recognize that each of us is responsible, we will not rid ourselves of this cancer.

Kids learn racist attitudes in the home and in the community. They bring these attitudes fully developed to the school. We are determined the trouble makers will not take over the high school.

The principal has been authorized to suspend trouble makers and to order them off the campus. Additional personnel has been assigned to the high school to speed up the suspensions and to move quickly (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1) C.L.R. has moved to 206 Washington Ave., St. Joe. Retail open daily.



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President of MSU

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BH TAX ELECTION LOSS MEANS CUT IN STAFF

Catholics Elect Two To Board

Edward Conrad and Harry Schueneman were elected to three-year terms on the Lake Michigan Catholic board of education in balloting Sunday by parishioners of Benton Harbor St. John's, Fairplain St. Bernard's and St. Joseph Catholic.

They will succeed Patrick Ryan and Atty. Thomas N. Robinson, who did not seek re-election to the board of the Twin City Catholic school system.

Vote totals were not announced. Ballots were counted last night.

Conrad and Schueneman are both members of St. Bernard's parish the smallest unit in the system. Members of the three parishes had a choice of six candidates on an at-large basis. Conrad is a vice president of Farmers and Merchants National bank. Schueneman is a Sears Roebuck salesman and farmer.

Other candidates were Ike Hampton, Mrs. Kathleen Joyner, James O'Malley and Mrs. Patricia Russell.



SJ MAYOR FOR A DAY: St. Joseph Mayor pro-tem, C. A. Tobias (right) presents key to city to Riverview Mayor J. C. Brown, at luncheon yesterday at Holiday Inn. Mrs. Brown is in center. The Brown's were accompanied to St. Joseph by Riverview engineer and Mrs. Joseph Campbell, they toured the city as part of mayor exchange day of Michigan week. (Staff photo)

Schools Are Asking 7.5 Mills

Board Must Negotiate Pay With 5 Groups

If the millage election fails June 8 in the Benton Harbor school district, there will be "people cut out of this budget lots of people," Supt. Mark Lewis said last night.

Lewis spoke at a meeting of the Citizens Advisory committee on consequences of the millage election and the impact of state aid.

The district seeks an additional 3.25 mills, plus reinstatement of an expired 4.25 mill levy for a total of 7.5 mills on June 8. This would raise about \$1,205,000. It also is estimating \$525,000 more in state aid, although the bill is still in the legislature.

\$1.37 MILLION SHORT

Raymond Sreboth, assistant superintendent for business affairs, explained the tentative school budget of \$8.9 million is \$1.37 million short of covering anticipated expenditures with no provisions for wage increases for five employee groups with whom the district must negotiate.

If the estimated state aid increase comes through and the millage passes, there will be \$358,000 left for new salary and wage agreements and the added cost of implementing split sessions next year at senior high. Most of extra expense split sessions will be transportation about \$98,000 — 75 per cent of which is reimbursable from the state, but the transportation grants from the state don't arrive until a year after the expense has been incurred.

MANY UNKNOWN

Sreboth described the unknowns in income as allocated millage from the Berrien county tax allocation board, availability of extra voted millage, the rate of state aid and the enrollment for 1970-71 on which state aid is based.

Lewis said he was hopeful that some budget cuts made this school year could be restored. However, "there's absolutely no way to restore the \$240,000 for teacher specializations at the elementary level" in art, music and physical education.

There are no provisions for crossing guards in the tentative budget, but the Tri-County Community Action program has applied for federal funds to assume this function.

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ADC Father Must Pay Up

A Sawyer resident, Ronnie G. Chism, was ordered Monday in Berrien circuit court to pay off a \$644 arrearage for the support of one child on ADC, according to Berrien Friend to the Court John Schenck.

Chism appeared before Judge Karl F. Zick in a divorce action. He also was ordered to pay \$19 weekly for the support of the child.



GAST STARTS BIG ADDITION: Two small scoops of earth start Gast Manufacturing Corp. on way to major expansion — a \$750,000 addition that will add 60 per cent to the size of its plant on M-139, Benton township. Manning shovels are Warren Gast (left), general manager, and William Gast, president. Others at ceremony Monday, left to right: Dean Kimmerly, personnel director; Gene Brooks,

director of engineering; Allan Westmaas, secretary and controller; Ray Backus, plant superintendent; William Smits, of Herkner, Smits, Miskill & Johnson CPA; Erik Fiskars, Pearson Engineering Co., designer; Burton Pearson, Pearson Construction Co., general contractor; Herman Robandt, Gast sales manager, and Ray Wilder, Benton township supervisor. (Staff photo)

Visiting Riverview Mayor 'Entertained'

SJ Meeting Turns Into Musical Chairs

St. Joseph City Commission, with Mayor Pro-tem C. A. (Toby) Tobias wielding the baton, played musical chairs for visiting Riverview Mayor Jay C. Brown yesterday on appointments to two municipal posts.

Mayor W.H. (Duke) Ehrenberg was in Riverview, a Detroit river community of 12,000 about 30 miles south of Detroit.

The commission session, held in the afternoon to accommodate the visitors, turned musical when Tobias nominated Municipal Band Director John E. N. Howard as an ex-officio member of the citizens advisory committee.

While Tobias explained that Howard's advice will be restricted to matters pertaining to the band shell, Commissioner



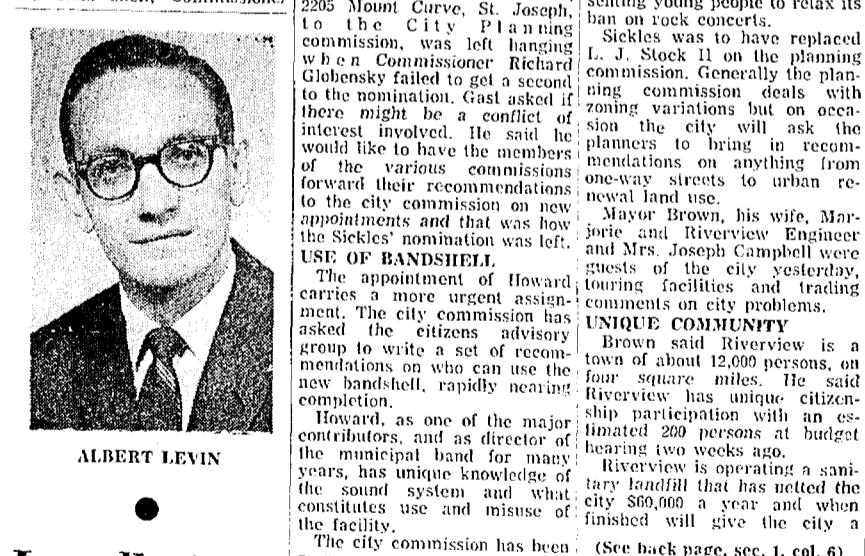
Installation Dinner Is Wednesday

Albert Levin of Benton Harbor will be reinstated as president of B'nai B'rith Lodge 1272, Wednesday night at the club's annual dinner meeting at the Holiday Inn, St. Joseph, according to Dave Kirshenbaum.

Dinner is slated for 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by the installation of officers and a speech by Mike Rosenberg of Michigan City, Ind.

Rosenberg, a student at the University of Chicago, has lived in Israel for the past three years and recently made a trip to the Soviet Union. Title of his talk is "An Eyewitness Report from the Soviet Union."

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ALBERT LEVIN

BENTON TWP.

Traffic Light Okayed For Bad Intersection

The Michigan State Highway department notified Benton township officials Monday that a traffic light has been authorized for the intersection of M-139 and Empire avenue, according to Ray Wilder, township supervisor.

Installation of the traffic light is dependent upon the widening of Empire avenue approaches to provide turning lanes onto M-139. The widening of Empire avenue at the intersection would be a township responsibility.

The traffic light may be installed prior to the widening

of the Empire avenue approaches, but Wilder said he didn't know when the installation of the light would take place.

The intersection has been the site of a number of accidents and in recent months was the site of a fatal accident.

The Benton township board approved a petition for a traffic light from a group of citizens and sent it to the state highway department about a month ago, according to Wilder.

Wilder said "this is fast action on the part of the highway department."

St. Joseph township trustees assigned to Dr. John T. Manning's procedures and ordinances committee a request for enactment of a model fair housing law made last night by League of Women Voter representatives.

Supervisor Orval L. Benson said "There is no one to my knowledge in St. Joseph township that has any problem on where they want to go (to live) or move to where they want to move. I gather you are not asking us to go beyond our township but you are asking us to do something to handle grievances of people not in our township... because there is no one single person who has ever had a (housing) grievance."

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REACHED CONSENSUS

Mrs. R. Craig Bell, local housing chairman, read a statement requesting the housing ordinance. Mrs. Bell said: "We urge your consideration." "Failure to enact local fair housing ordinances results in increased polarization and heightened racial tension. The enactment of a fair housing ordinance by St. Joseph township would re-affirm the townships willingness to abide by the laws of this state."

"A wealth of evidence demonstrating the beneficial results of fair housing ordinances in the local government unit is available."

The township board named Lowell Pepperell and Robert DeVries to the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water and Sewage treatment Authority and named Carl Reschke as an alternate.

The board also approved resolutions authorizing commendation proceedings against property owners holding up start of a sanitary sewer line at Niles avenue and Hickory Creek.



BH School Aide Will Take Leave

Sammie Rodgers To Attend MSU

Sammie Rodgers, coordinator of student affairs with Benton Harbor high school the past two years, is taking a year's leave of absence to attend Michigan State university.

The leave becomes effective June 23 when Rodgers departs for summer session at the college in East Lansing. The Equal Opportunities program has given him a grant to cover all finances.

Rodgers said today he will be going back to college to finish a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in school administration. He has credits towards both, but must meet on-campus course requirements.

Rodgers previously attended Lake Michigan College and Western Michigan University. In 1968 he left a position with the Berrien county juvenile department for the position at the high school.

Rodgers said he has been offered a position with the administrative offices of Central Michigan University when he completes his year's work, but his preference was employment in the Benton Harbor area.



LAST LOCK-UP: George Fusko, Stevensville electrical contractor and retailer, locks door to his store for the last time Saturday. His wife Anna watches with a smile. They have been in business for 50 years. (Betty Goetz photo)

George, Anna Fusko Closing Stevensville Electric Shop

George and Anna Fusko, Stevensville, are going out of business. The couple have owned their Stevensville electric in down town Stevensville since 1925 and is also well known for being the oldest volunteer fireman in Berrien county. He has been there for 50 years, giving his time to this service. Fusko moved to the Stevensville area with his family from Chicago in 1917. He is still an electrical contractor but doing more fishing. The Fusko building was purchased by Matt Boek of St. Joseph, who will be establishing a gift shop.

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BERRIEN COURTHOUSE FULL; OFFICES RENTED



NEW WELFARE HEADQUARTERS: Former Aalite Trailer Co. plant at 1134 Crystal avenue, Benton township, will be remodelled into new headquarters for Berrien County Social Services department. The department will move entire operation from ground floor of county courthouse in St.

Joseph to new rented facility. Rent will be \$75,000 annually for 10-year lease period. New location is expected to be ready for occupancy by social services staff of 117 in about three months. District court will move into courthouse space being vacated. (Staff photo)

Buchanan Schedules Ballot On Two-Mill Building Fund

BUCHANAN — The Buchanan board of education last night voted to submit a proposal to levy two mills for two years for the building and site fund to voters in the annual school election June 8.

If approved, the two mills would be used for the purchase of a site for a future new high school building and for the repair of current buildings.

The proposed levy would replace a similar levy which expired with the December, 1968, tax collections.

The board announced that the school district has permission to use the city's electronic voting devices for the school election and the IBM department of Inter-City Bank in Benton Harbor will be the counting center.

Meeting in the Moccasin school, the board extended its appreciation to Mrs. Helen Chain, principal, for the work she has done. Next fall, she plans to return to classroom teaching at the junior high level.

Mrs. Chain reported on the Moccasin school which has an enrollment of 488 children and a staff of 20 teachers. She reported on ungraded primary program which is in its second year at Moccasin and involves nine teachers and about 200 students. She said some of the weaknesses in the program include a too varied age difference in some classrooms which has caused some discipline problem. She added some students are not going to succeed in mastering the primary level during the three and four years provided.

She reported space is needed for special services such as special testing and library classes have to be rearranged for space. She said instrumental music classes had to meet one day per week in the shower room and said next year the classes will have to meet in the system for the past 10 years and Mrs. Marion Taggart, kindergarten, in the district for the past 15 years.

FEDERAL APPROVAL Norman Kreager, assistant superintendent, reported federal approval has been received on the district's application to purchase equipment through the Title III program of the National Defense Education Act, under which the district will be reimbursed one-half the cost of the items. To be purchased are three movie projectors, three microscopes, nine tape recorders, six overhead projectors and three audiographics record players at a total cost of \$3,468.

William Fischer, Harold C. Stark school principal, presented recommendations and proposed programs for the Title I program for elementary and secondary education for next year.

Election inspectors for the June 8 election were approved. They are Mrs. Ethel Forbes and Mrs. Betty Furnier, co-chairmen; Mrs. Doris Boyer, Mrs. Lula Backus, Mrs. Henrietta Miller, Mrs. Dorothy Martin, Miss Ethel Beistle, Mrs. Martha Ferris, Mrs. Hazel Welch, Mrs. Ina Kane, Mrs. Esther Hamilton and Mrs. Evadine Clark Alternates are Mrs. Katherine Kingery and Mrs. Joyce Drezitzer.

Bills totaling \$132,273, including \$112,868 for salaries, were approved for payment.

Three retiring teachers were

Food Stamps For Strikers?

Some Whirlpool Families May Be Eligible

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

Food stamps, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's food subsidy program for low-income families, may be in the offing for some of the 1,800 workers striking Whirlpool Corp. St. Joseph.

A union committee from Local 1918, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) which struck Whirlpool May 11 met with Berrien County Social Services department officials Monday for general information on the food stamp program.

Another meeting is expected next week, according to a social services spokesman.

MAY BE ELIGIBLE

"Strikers, if they meet the other criteria for food stamps, are eligible," Social Services Director Wesley P. Bowerman said Monday. "This is federal law."

He said records on past strikes here show usually 20 percent of striking employees who apply for stamps are eligible.

Eligibility is based on total family income and liquid assets. A family of four, for example, cannot have family income exceeding \$200 a month and liquid assets, stocks, bonds, savings -- cannot top \$1,000.

Those eligible can buy food stamps at local banks often at a ratio of \$3 in stamps for \$2 in cash. The stamps then are redeemed at food stores for food.

Bowerman was unable to say

if any Whirlpool strikers had drawn food stamps yet because of the number -- 10,000 -- of clients the Berrien welfare department serves each month.

However, he said, Whirlpool workers likely would not be eligible for food stamps until June 1 because of their final two weeks' pay plus strike pay. The exception might be men with extremely large families.

ORDERLY PROCESS

Social Services is not taking food stamp applications from Whirlpool employees right now because we're working out procedures with a committee of Whirlpool union employees for a smooth, orderly process of application," Bowerman said.

The head of the household would apply at social services, document his income and liquid assets, and if eligible buy stamps based on family size and income at local banks on a monthly basis, Bowerman said.

Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
May 19th State Police count
This year 718
Last year 765

Capital Budget Set At \$90,000

South Haven Hospital Spending Okayed

SOUTH HAVEN—A \$90,900 plant fund budget for capital improvements and equipment acquisition during fiscal 1970-71 was approved by the South Haven Community Hospital board of trustees Monday night.

The major portion of the plant fund budget revenue will be derived from special millage approved by hospital authority residents last November.

Major items in the budget will include construction of an incinerator \$22,000, beds and cribs \$10,000, sterilizer \$7,500, intensive care unit \$28,000 and eye surgery equipment \$4,700.

Other items will include two electric typewriters \$1,000, water heater \$2,500, yard lights \$1,300, flooring \$2,500, suction machines \$400, wheel chairs \$1,800, shoulder wheel \$800, miscellaneous major movable equipment \$5,000, emergency room stretcher \$800, incubator \$1,500 and postal meter \$1,500.

In other action Monday, the board of appointed members tabled two proposed amendments to the hospital's bylaws that would limit the authority of

the administrator. One proposed amendment would require the written consent of the administrator, board of trustees chairman and the hospital's legal counsel before any employee contract for responsibilities not within the approved job classification could be initiated.

The other amendment would limit the administrator's authority to make certain expenditures without board approval.

Both amendments were returned to the bylaws committee for further study.

Board chairman Edwin Appleyard announced that the terms of appointed members Robert Chandler and Fred Zook expire in June. As members-at-large they may be reappointed.

OFFICE CONSOLIDATION When social services moves out of the courthouse, the district court will consolidate from rooms scattered in several parts of the courthouse to the ground floor. Grau noted the court also will close out the courtroom it currently operates in Benton Harbor city hall.

In other actions Monday, the commissioners:

• Received the annual report of the Berrien County Road commission from Engineer-Manager Heath Calvin. The

new welfare headquarters will have 16,000 square feet of space, compared to 11,500 in the courthouse, and the new location will have parking for 130 cars. It will have 52 office spaces and wall-to-wall carpeting.

Social services, with 117 employees, expects the building to be ready for occupancy in about three months.

COMMISSIONERS also adopted resolutions supporting state legislative bills that would change the tax valuation of mobile homes to that of real property rather than the flat \$36 a year tax per lot now collected; allow municipalities to appeal property tax assessments directly to the state tax commission rather than through the county clerk; and permit boards of county commissioners to publish summaries of meetings rather than full reports.



COMMISSIONERS SAY THANKS: Berrien county commissioners Monday called on former Berrien Sheriff Erwin Kubath (left) and present Sheriff Forrest (Nick) Jewell to help say thanks with a formal resolution, an orchid and \$139 to Miss Anna E. Schroeder, who retired last month after almost 18 years as county jail cook. She began the job when Kubath was sheriff. (Staff photo)

Eau Claire Will Ask Six Mills

School Election Scheduled For June 8

EAU CLAIRE—The Eau Claire school board Monday evening approved a request for 6 mills operating tax to be voted upon June 8.

That request includes the renewal of a 5-mill levy that expired last December plus one additional mill.

That brings to 24.898 the amount of mills the board feels it needs to operate its schools.

The school board also voted to spread the debt retirement obligation across the entire district. This will place some of that load on the districts of Eureka, Shanghai, IXL and North Maple grove. They are all Pipestone township district schools which annexed to the Eau Claire system about three years ago.

SEWER CONTRACT A contract for construction to connect the high school with the village's sanitary sewer system was awarded to the construction firm of Wagner and Crawford of Benton Harbor. That firm submitted the lowest of four bids, with a price of \$1,379.

At the request of the schools' non-teaching employees, the board will sit with that group May 25th open mediation on wages and age requirements. This meeting will be closed to the public.

A report to the board revealed that the school district has purchased two new school buses at a total cost of \$17,348. Two bus chassis will be purchased from Ashley Ford agency, Benton Harbor, at a cost of \$4,083 each. Two 66-passenger bus bodies will be purchased from a Lansing company at a cost of \$4,589 each.

The resignation of second grade teacher Mrs. Shirley Drummond was accepted as of the end of the school year. Mrs. Drummond is moving to the Cadillac area. A replacement was not named.

A report on the kindergarten roundup showed it was about 50 percent successful. Of a possible 70 students entering kindergarten next year, 39 were pre-registered.

WILL STUDY POLICIES

At the suggestion of trustee Mrs. Reva Murphy, the board agreed to undertake a complete study of its academic and administrative policies. This study will be started July 15.

The trustees also approved a motion to continue accepting tuition students from three other districts: River district in Sodus Township, Riverside district in Hagar township, and Wood district near Bangor. About 40 high school students are involved.

In a final action the board approved the payment of bills totaling \$7,158.

BEGIN CONTRACT PLANS

DETROIT (AP) — United Auto Workers Union leaders from locals in the agricultural truck industry met Thursday and Friday to make plans for new contract negotiations later this year.

Hartford Board Sets Bond Vote On June 8

HARTFORD—In a special meeting last night, the Hartford board of education voted to submit a \$2,350,000 building program to construct a new middle school to district voters in the annual school election June 8.

The board last week learned the district had received state approval to hold the election and last night set the June 8 date.

The proposed new middle school would be built on a site already owned by the district close to the present high school and the North elementary school creating a campus setting of buildings in a cluster.

Van Buren Camp Site Offering Its Facilities

BLOOMINGDALE — The administration of Van Buren Youth Camp is offering to make the camp's facilities available for private charter in April and May, September and October. The camp, located on Great Bear lake, has accommodations for 128 persons in unheated cabins, and for 50 persons in heated facilities.

The facilities lend themselves well to meetings, family reunions, church retreats, day camping and conferences, according to K. V. Washburn Jr., route 2, Lawton, who is camp director.

CLAIM REGISTRATION

Potawatomi Indians To Meet In Dowagiac

DOWAGIAC—All Potawatomi Indians of Michigan and neighboring states are being called to a membership meeting of Potawatomi Indian Nation, Inc., at Union high school, here, Sunday, May 24.

Michael Wilson, tribal secretary, said the meeting was called to register all Potawatomi Indians interested in claims now being processed through the U. S. Indian Claims Commission. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. The school is located across from the National Guard armory.